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Body Cam Footage Captures HPD Officer's Bravery

HARRISONBURG, VA – In the early morning hours of Saturday, December 26, the day after Christmas, a structure fire ignited in the 500 block of Alleghany Ave. Neighboring residents were the first to report the flames, and it was quickly discovered that several occupants were possibly inside and unaware of the fire.

Patrolling HPD officers upon receiving the call from dispatch, rushed to the scene and arrived just moments before fire and rescue responders. Instinctively, the officers raced past open flames to systematically clear the home of potential victims. Dramatic BWC footage captured the courage, bravery, and tactics displayed by these HPD officers and is testament to the dangers and challenges faced daily by our local public safety professionals. All residents were evacuated safely and there were no injuries.

The BWC footage can be viewed by visiting the "HPD PIO" You Tube channel, or just use the link <https://youtu.be/fSI7HTCPluQ>.

The Harrisonburg Fire Department, whose personnel extinguished the fire soon after the evacuation, reminds all residents of the importance of having working smoke alarms and formulating and briefing family members of an escape plan in the event of an emergency. For questions on how to obtain smoke alarms or those needing assistance with creating an emergency escape plans for their residence, business, or organization, should contact the HFD's Fire Prevention specialists at (540) 432-7703.

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